

Open Partnership and Web Endorsement

Developing a web page off of the OpenMRS web site to highlight organizations that contribute to, work with, and endorse the principles of OpenMRS has been proposed. This site would be a progression from the supporting organization site (<http://openmrs.org/about/support/>) but will include more information and a clearly defined process to have 'a logo' and a small section that highlights the organization's work. This web page would not take away from the acknowledgement site that is on the link above. This would be similar to the digital principles web site: <http://digitalprinciples.org> (which includes the OpenMRS logo since we endorse those principles).

The following benefits would accrue to the endorsed partner (organization, not individual)

1. benefit to the organizations
 - a. OpenMRS commits to indicating that organization is an official partner and will put their logo on the partnership page
 - b. The OpenMRS Annual Report will include a page of 'partners' that includes their logos
 - c. Partners will have the opportunity to write a brief narrative about what they are contributing to the OpenMRS community that will be included in the Annual Report
 - i. this would be 2-3 sentences, OpenMRS will promulgate and share guidance on what should be included

OpenMRS would require/ ask for a letter/ statement of commitment that indicates an organization agrees and endorses our principles in writing, including:

1. a commitment to our mission of improving healthcare delivery in resource constrained environments
2. a commitment to the Digital Principles as well as our principles of
 - a. user centered design
 - b. open process
 - c. community driven
3. some detail of the scope of activities with the OpenMRS community; possibilities may include:
 - a. exchange of information
 - b. joint activities
 - c. support for conferences
 - d. software development lifecycle involvement
 - e. nontechnical support
4. submit the endorsement to the OpenMRS Leadership Team
5. this is NOT a signed agreement by OpenMRS but just an acknowledgement of the commitment